

-- Description of Preferred Embodiments --.

Page 10: after the last line, please insert the following paragraph:

a) -- The specification incorporates by reference the entire disclosure of German priority document 297 15 257.2 of August 26, 1997, as well as of International Application PCT/EP98/05432 of August 26, 1998.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims. --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 and replace them with the attached claims 17-32.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

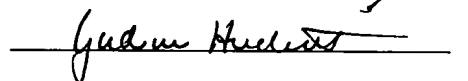
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Claims 17-32 are pending in the application; claim 1-16 have been cancelled.

Appropriate headings have been added to the specification, a proper Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. Furthermore, the claims from the literal translation have been replaced by claims drafted in conformity with U.S. Patent practice.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures - claims 17-32
- Abstract of the Disclosure